

# County Councilman David Marks

## Fifth District Newsletter

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## **MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS:**

### **ADDRESSING COMMON NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINTS**

Spring is the busiest season for our office. We typically receive more than a dozen complaints each day about common neighborhood issues, such as potholes and tall grass. We work with other county employees to address these issues, and I would like to thank them for their responsiveness. Here are some of the top concerns we hear about:

**Road Resurfacing.** Baltimore County experienced historic levels of snows this year, leading to potholes once the ground thawed. Earlier this spring, county road crews filled more than 20,000 potholes. If you see a pothole, you can call (410) 887-3560 or fill out the form at [this Web site](#).

Every spring, engineers survey roads to determine the most urgent resurfacing needs. The county has limited funding. Many neighborhoods have requested help, and I do my best to move these up the priority list.

**Tall Grass.** Nothing is more frustrating than a neighboring property with tall grass. Many properties are foreclosures owned by banks. You can report a complaint [here](#) or by calling (410) 887-3351. I urge

you to use the online system to more specifically describe the problem. This system can also be used to report other issues, like abandoned vehicles.

The county mows public median strips three times in the spring and summer.



**Garbage Collection.** You can report a complaint about garbage or recycling collection [online](#) or by calling (410) 887- 2000. Residents of multifamily dwellings should contact their property manager directly.

If you have any concerns, never hesitate to contact our office.

## **SIGN UP TO BUILD ANGEL PARK**

Construction begins on July 8<sup>th</sup> on Angel Park, an all-access playground and amphitheater next to the Perry Hall public library. Volunteers are needed for the community build, as well as other activities. People of all ages are welcome. Sign up at the Angel Park Web Site, <http://www.angel-park.org>.



## EXPANSION OF TOWSON MANOR PARK BEGINS

In early June, Baltimore County expanded Towson Manor Park by extending the green area over an underutilized parking lot. Plans for the park call for improvements to the gazebo, new exercise equipment, and upgrades to the water fountain. The improvements represent the first project financed by the Baltimore County Council's open space funding legislation. A state bond bill is also supporting the improvements.



## REZONING PROCESS NEARS CONCLUSION

Every four years, the Baltimore County Council reviews the development potential of property throughout the county. This year, Councilman Marks initiated a historic review of thousands of acres throughout the Fifth District. In places like Perry Hall, where school overcrowding has been severe, the review looks at the development potential of hundreds of acres of property. Follow the latest news at <https://www.facebook.com/District5czmp>.

## SCHOOLS, TOWSON LIBRARY BOOSTED IN COUNTY BUDGET

The Baltimore County Council passed a budget for Fiscal Year 2017 that maintained the property tax rate at the same level for the 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The budget accelerates the installation of air conditioning in Fifth District schools; Chapel Hill, Kingsville, and

Oakleigh Elementary Schools will be done next year, and Dumbarton Middle School will be air conditioned with the completion of the renovation project in 2018.

The budget also funds an overhaul of the air conditioning and heating system at the Towson library. In addition, three library branches will now accept applications for new passports on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. Passport service is available at the Arbutus, Towson, and White Marsh branches.

## ENJOY SUMMER EVENTS , FROM TOWSON TO KINGSVILLE

There are plenty of wonderful events throughout the Fifth District this summer:

- The [Towson Chamber of Commerce sponsors free concerts](#) every Friday night along Allegheny Avenue, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- The [Parkville Carney Business Association sponsors free concerts](#) every Friday night through June from 6 to 9 p.m. at Racer's Cafe.
- The [Perry Hall/White Marsh Business Association brings the Town Fair back](#) to Perry Hall High School on Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Parkville Community Day will be held on Saturday, July 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Parkville High School.
- [Jerusalem Mill Village offers several historical events](#) and outdoor concerts throughout the season.
- Independence Day Parades are planned in [Towson](#) at 10:30 a.m. and [Kingsville](#) at 10:45 a.m.

